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Newsletter 10

Flu Vaccinations

Parents of pupils in FS, and Yrs 1 to 4, are reminded that the school nursing team will be in school on **Monday 20 November 2017** to administer this year's flu vaccination.

We are still missing the paperwork for a number of children – over 60 reminder letters were sent home on Thursday as the NHS have asked for parents to complete the paperwork **even if they do not wish** their child to have the vaccine.

Please check your child's school bag for the paperwork. The completed form can be returned on Monday.

Family Worker drop in

Do you have a concern or query about any of your children? Would you like advice around things such as behaviour, anxiety, sleeping, sibling rivalry or self-esteem?

Come along to one of the Parent and Carer Support Drop-ins and chat to an experienced family worker.

To book an appointment please contact the school office or simply just turn up.

The dates until February 2018 are:

Tuesday 21 November 2017

Thursday 14 December 2017

Tuesday 23 January 2018

Wednesday 28 February 2018

All the sessions will run from 9:00 until 11:00am.

Parental Workshop Maths Bar Model

We are currently working with the Local Authority to raise our pupils' attainment levels in Maths.

At our recent INSET Day the teaching staff were introduced to Singapore Maths, more specifically the Bar Model approach to solving mathematical problems.

All the teaching staff felt that this had been a great INSET training session and are beginning to use this method with the children in their classes during their maths lessons.

However, we are aware that this method may be unfamiliar to our parents and in order to introduce parents to this new approach we will be running two workshop sessions on the following dates:

Monday 27 November between 9:00 and 9:40am for parents in KS2

Tuesday 28 November between 2:50 and 3:20pm for parents in the FS and KS1

If you would like to attend one of the workshops please do let me know so that the staff running the workshops can be prepared for the number of parents wishing to attend. The sessions will be held in Carnelian Class and will be led by Mrs Chappell and Mr Smith.

If you are unable to attend on this occasion please don't worry as we will be running further workshops in the Spring Term.

KSI and KS2 SATs Information Evening

All parents of pupils in Yr 2 and Yr 6 are invited to come along to a SATs information evening which is being held on Thursday 23 November 2017.

The sessions will start at 6:30pm and will be held in:

the school hall for the KSI parents

Aquamarine Class for the parents of Yr 6 pupils.

It is important that you attend these sessions so that you are aware of the end of key stage tests that your child will take and how you can support them.

School Christmas Lunch

We will be having our school Christmas lunch on Friday 15 December 2017. Earlier this week the promotional flyer with the reply slip at

the bottom was distributed to every child in the school.

Please do check your child's school bag for this information. If you would like your child to participate in this special lunch the reply slip will need to be received by Friday 1 December 2017.

Parents are reminded that when we have a special lunch day it is not possible to add children's names to the list after the return date has passed.

Children who have not been booked in for the lunch by the deadline date will be asked to bring a packed lunch to school on that day.

The festivities on that day will still involve children who are having a packed lunch.

FOSS Cake Break

There will be a FOSS Cake Break next week on Wednesday 22 November 2017.

For this event the parents of pupils in our FS and KSI are asked to bake the cakes which will be sold to the children during morning break.

Each cake will cost 30p.

Any cakes left over will be sold at the end of the school day.

The proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of a new Clevertouch screen for the pupils in Yr 3/4.

Key Stage 1 Fire Engine visit.

On Friday 10 November, the Key Stage 1 children were really lucky to have the operational crew from Ely fire station visit along with a fire engine!

The children were able to participate in a safety talk led by the fire fighters and heard important messages about making sure your household smoke alarms work, what to do in a house fire and how to be sensible in the kitchen when near hot appliances.

They were also able to look at the fire engine, finding out about the many tools a fire engine carries. Everyone enjoyed hearing the siren too!

KS2 Cross Country Event at Witchford Village College

On Friday 9 November 23 children from across Key Stage 2 attended a Cross Country Event staged at Witchford Village College. This is an event we haven't competed in before so although the format was largely unknown there was a lot of excitement about the prospects.

The weather was chilly (to the adults only apparently!) but the children were keen to get racing. The children were racing against ten other schools and we took three pupils from each of the year groups (boys and girls) but other schools took more. There were approximately 40 children in each race.

The race was one lap around the fields of the college for the Year 3/4 children whilst the Year 5/6 pupils were required to do two laps of the same course. The children all competed bravely and behaved very well given the circumstances and the chilly weather.

As a school we didn't manage to be placed in any of the team events but we secured some good individual finishes with four top ten finishes across the key stage. However, I feel a lot more personal battles were won for those children who ran in their races.

We look forward to competing again next year although maybe some of the children won't!

Wellie Walk

Ruby and Sapphire class (Foundation Stage) went on a Seasonal Wellie Walk to look for signs of autumn.

We brought in our wellies (even the teachers and teaching assistants!) and our coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

We went out onto the school field and started with a run around. We then walked, skipped and ran to the corners of the field looking for nature items. We found leaves, twigs, feathers, berries and mushrooms! We enjoyed being outside in the late autumn fresh air, throwing leaf showers and climbing trees.

We finished our Wellie Walk with a well-deserved sit down in the outdoor

classroom and a warming drink of hot chocolate.

Children coming to school on their own

Parents of pupils who come to school independently are asked to remind their children to use the designated crossing points:

- Our School Crossing Patrol or
- The road island at the junction of The Brook and Stirling Way
- Zebra crossing in the High Street

when coming to and from school.

Sutton Foodbank

The volunteers at the Sutton Foodbank are currently making up hampers for Christmas and would welcome any donations of seasonal treats for the hampers.

Suggested items include: biscuits, sweets, chocolates, Christmas puddings, mince pies, and toiletries.

There are several collection points around the village including:

Oliver's Barbers

St Andrew's Church

The Children Centre

The Foodbank which is open on Fridays between 11:00 and 12:30pm

We will also collect items if this makes it easier for parents.

The volunteers at the Foodbank are asking for all donations to be with them by Tuesday 5 December 2017.

PE Kits

Parents are reminded that our pupils will be undertaking PE lessons right through the winter months and as such will need to have in school the appropriate clothing for outdoor PE.

We encourage the children to wear:

T Shirt

Jogging bottoms

Sweatshirt

Change of footwear

Please can parents support their child by reminding them to have their PE kits in school on the days when they have PE.

Pierced Ears

During the school day it is possible for the children to wear stud style earrings.

However, new advice from the Local Authority states that during PE lessons the children should remove their earrings.

If your child finds this difficult on their PE days it may be easier for your children to come to school without earrings in just for that day.

School Contact Details

You can contact the school in a number of ways:

1. By speaking to your child's classteacher
2. By telephone: 01353 778 351
3. By email:
office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk
4. If you just need to check out some information use our new website:
www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk

Dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Monday 20 November – Flu Vaccinations for pupils in Yr 1 – 4

Monday 20 November – Yr 6 Bikeability (for 4 days)

Tuesday 21 November – Family Worker Drop-In

Tuesday 21 November – Open Afternoon for September 2018 Admissions

Wednesday 22 November – Open Morning for September 2018 Admissions

Wednesday 22 November – FOSS Cake Break – FS/KSI pupils to bake please

Thursday 23 November – KSI and KS2 SATs Information Evening for Yr 6 and Yr 2 Parents at 6:30pm

Monday 27 November – Bar Modelling Workshop for KS2 parents at 9:00am in Carnelian Class

Tuesday 28 November – Bar Modelling Workshop for FS and KSI parents at 2:50pm in Carnelian Class

Wednesday 29 November – Non-Traditional Sports Day for KS2 Classes

Friday 1 December – FOSS Christmas Bazaar

Monday 4 December – FS Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 5 December – FS Performance @ 2:00pm

Wednesday 6 December – FS Performance @ 9:30am

Friday 8 December – KSI Dress Rehearsal

Monday 11 December – KSI Performance @ 2:00pm

Tuesday 12 December – KSI Performance @ 2:00pm

Thursday 14 December – Family Worker Drop-In

Wednesday 14 December – KSI Performance @ 9:30am

Wednesday 14 December – FS Christmas Party

Thursday 14 December – Yr 3/4 Christmas Party

Friday 15 December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 15 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15 December – Yr 5/6 Christmas Party

Monday 18 December – KSI Christmas Party

Monday 18 December – KS2 Carols at St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 19 December – End of Term

Wednesday 3 January – Staff INSET Day

Thursday 4 January – School reopens after the Christmas Holidays.

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